



General Meeting - Minutes  
Monday, Nov 5, 2018, 4:30pm

- Meeting called to order 4:38pm by Catrice Mays, PTO President.
- Minutes from the October 4, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Dana Duplantis motioned to approve minutes. Katie Rhymes seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.
- Principal's Update given by Katie Rhymes:
  1. Dr. B continues to request clarification on the verbal directive she was given by Dr. McSwain regarding utilization of PTO funds but has not been given a written response. She has offered to share all email correspondence related to the matter upon request. Ms. Rhymes also stated that Dr. B has had a meeting with Ms. Berger regarding a plan on how to move forward on receiving PTO funds consistent with the board approved curriculum and within the approved guidelines.
  2. The most recent IB evaluation for Lanier will be posted online per Dr. B's request in the spirit of full transparency.
  3. Recent budget cuts have placed increased scrutiny on the determination of spending on professional development vs. substitute teacher expenditures.
  4. An approved process has been implemented for teacher reimbursements from the PTO to make sure teachers needs are being met.
  5. Technology and software upgrades totaling approximately \$32,000 have been requested for the PTO's consideration. In accordance with HISD board policy, this will require HISD board approval.
  6. Trey Christenson then gave an additional update from Dr. B regarding a survey that will be sent out by the PTO to assess campus and faculty needs.
- VP Social Events –Adrienne Murry
  - Parent Teacher social from October 11<sup>th</sup> brought in a net of \$1,161.
  - Food support is needed for Teacher Appreciation for Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Great 8 – Graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders are looking for volunteer opportunities
- VP Fundraising – Kara Richardson: Jennifer Gribble gave the report
  - CTE Fundraiser was a success and brought in \$80,000. Car stickers and dress passes will be handed out in GSG. Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Party with a Purpose will be in the first week of February.



- Treasurer – Catrice Mays reported for Yolanda Amador: YTD and October Profit & Loss was reviewed and compared to the full year budget.
  - Curriculum support is now back in process for teachers and we can continue teacher appreciation
  - Current expenditures are under budget. A new proposal will be established to adjust to current spending trends
  - Prior teacher expenses are pending and not approved yet
  - Large ticket items will need to go through HISD
  - A committee is being established to properly vet the expense process
  
- VP Volunteers – Beth Lemon
  - Announced that the library will be open daily with parent volunteers needed in 2-hour shift increments. Parents can sign children in, answer questions and organize books. Parents are not expected to check books in and out.
  - Cluster Parents are needed
  - The Signup Genius for teacher appreciation remains uncorrected. Please email Deidre R if you would like to help.
  
- HISD Liason – Gretchen Himsl gave general HISD updates:
  1. Grenita Lathan has been reinstated as Interim Superintendent.
  2. Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> is the next HISD Board meeting.
  3. Bus hubs and routes improvements are still being addressed. Please consult Ms. Himsl with any concerns.
  4. Elections will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> and the Lanier administration will guide children to the cafeteria in the mornings. Per Ms. Rhymes she made parents aware that the ramp in the back of the school is closed due to safety concerns and could be an issue with voting procedures.
  5. Ms. Rhymes informed parents that Lamar will be present to explain the IB Diploma program details for parents of children interested on November 6<sup>th</sup> as well.
  
- President – Catrice Mays
  1. Jessy Morgenroth was introduced as a board secretary candidate and request made by Ms. Mays to approve Jessy as secretary. A motioned was made by Beth Lemmon, Kellye Helleck 2nd. All in favor and approved.
  2. Traffic and Safety update was made by Michael Hawash who is the constable liaison and on the board for the Winsom area. Constables have been deployed and 100 parking tickets have been issued since school started. He was able to observe traffic with Officer Warren, the constable and a PTO representative. They took a look at alleviating issues with extra coverage on a contract basis. Based on their recommendation 2 deputies are to be added.



3. It was also observed that during early drop-off, students are sitting and waiting in cars with their parents. Additionally, other students were observed walking to other establishments and then rushing back to school as the bell rings. Dr. Bradarich has a concern that if the cafeteria was opened earlier it could get overcrowded and chaotic without sufficient adult supervision. Please contact Mr. Hawash with any questions.
  4. Curriculum support and campus improvement form continues to be a work in progress. A timeline will also be put into place for the deadline for submission, approval of expense and payment.
- Discussions/Questions/Concerns
    1. Maria Marini raised a concern that the tax looks incorrect on the financial report and should be reviewed further. Yolanda will be notified and review for necessary edits.
    2. Catrice Mays stated that moving forward each PTO general meeting will alternate from morning to afternoon in order to accommodate parent and teacher attendance beginning with the Dec 7 meeting.
    3. Maria Marini made a nomination from the floor for President Elect, Amy. The merits of this nomination under parliamentary procedure, Lanier PTO by-law and standing rules were debated and ultimately the nomination was dismissed. PTO Board will nominate and vote in a President Elect then bring it to the General Meeting for a vote. Anyone interested in the position please speak to Catrice Mays.
  - Motion to adjourn made by Kimberly Dolibois, Adrienne Murry 2nd. Unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 5:39p.m.